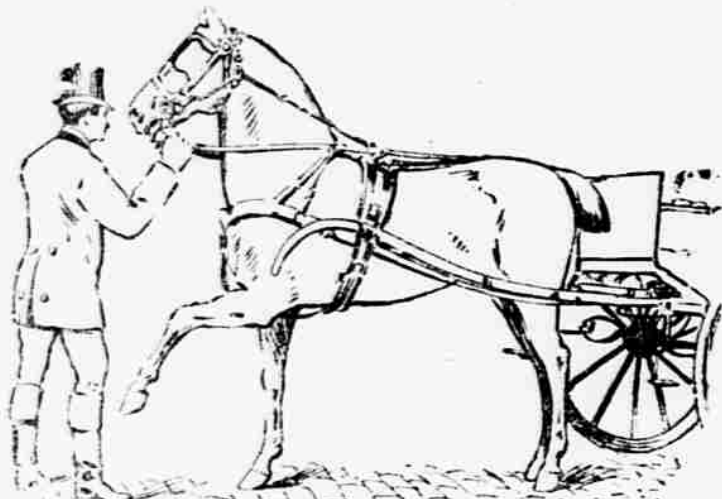


Christmas Gifts of
Harness or Saddlery Goods.

Just a few suggestions from our very complete Harness and Saddlery Department. Anything selected from the following list would be of the quality to make the gifts appreciated, and the prices will please the buyer:

Robes—plain plushes at \$2.50, silk plushes and mohair \$12.00 to \$35.00, cloths and whips \$4.25 to \$6.00.
Whips and Crops—The best assortment of English sticks in the West. \$1.00 to \$18.00.
Tandem, Four-in-Hand and Pair-Horse Whips, Crops and Riding Whips, plain or sterling mounted, \$2.00 to \$10.00; mounted on boards for presentation.
Riding Saddles, all styles, \$1.25 to \$16.00.
Horse-Measuring Canes, \$5.50 to \$11.50.

Tool Chests and Work Benches.

The Broadway Special is one of the most popular; it contains 20 good, serviceable tools, \$3.45.
Other sets, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$3.00.

Scroll Saws

For hand use, with designs, \$1.
Genuine Rogers, \$3.25. Lexter, with motor wheel, lathe, drilling and buzz saw attachments, \$10.

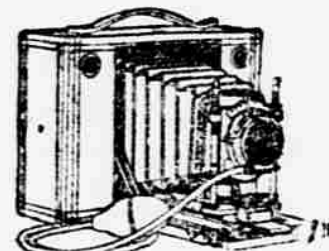
The Household Cabinet contains 48 high-grade tools in fine polished wall cabinet, \$15.

Work Benches

Strongly built of selected maple and oak, front and end vises and tool rack, a useful present for man or boy, \$10 and \$12.

Simmons Hardware Co.

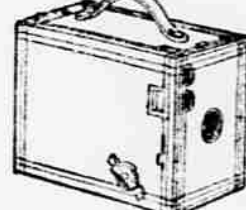
Broadway & St. Charles.



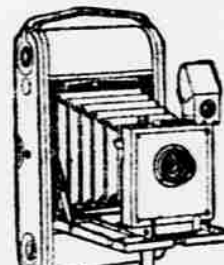
The No. 4 Cartridge Kodak makes picture 4x3 inches, 12 exposures without reloading, has rapid rectilinear lens and triple-action pneumatic shutter, focus length 6 1/2 inches, price \$20.00.



The No. 2 Flexo, without exception the best Camera ever offered for the price, has achromatic lens and rotary shutter and makes a picture 3 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches, \$4.00.



The No. 2 Brownie Camera makes fine picture 2 1/2 x 3 1/4 inches, loads in daylight and can be readily operated by any school boy or girl, \$1.60. The No. 1 Brownie, 2 1/2 x 2 1/4 picture, 8 ic, \$14.00.



The No. 3 Folding Pocket Kodak, the most popular Kodak made, takes picture 3 1/4 x 4 1/4, has automatic shutter and rectilinear lens, easily carried in the pocket, \$14.00.

Kodaks and Cameras

For Christmas Gifts.

Our Camera Department contains scores of things appropriate for Christmas gifts to those interested in photography. The assortment contains all the best makes in Cameras, a complete line of Eastman Kodaks and every accessory of the photographic art. Space only permits a few suggestions.

Photo Albums.

A splendid assortment, all sizes and colors, bindings in leatherette, genuine morocco and hand-painted bullhide.
Prices 10c to \$5.00.

Stereoscopes.

A Stereoscope fitted with powerful lenses, adjustable focus and 50 good colored views from all around the world.
Complete outfit, \$1.50.



Reading Glasses.

A very appropriate gift for an elderly friend would be one of these Reading or Magnifying Glasses.

They all have finest quality white lenses and range in size from 1 1/2 in. to 4 in. in diameter. Prices, 50c, 60c, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.50 each.

Opera Glasses.

Large assortment of fine Opera Glasses, in plain leather or Oriental pearl, some handsomely mounted in silver and gold.

Oriental Pearl, with gold-plated trimmings and good lenses, \$2.50.
Leather-Covered, with achromatic lenses, \$3.
Genuine Lemaire, leather-covered, fine achromatic lenses, \$3.50.

Genuine Lemaire, Oriental pearl, gold-trimmed, fine achromatic lenses, \$7.00.
Marquise Pattern, Oriental pearl, lognette handle, best quality achromatic lenses, \$10.00; others \$7.50 to \$25.00.

Shaving Accessories.

Razors, Safety Razors, Shaving Mugs, Mirrors, etc., constitute most desirable Christmas gifts for gentlemen, and nowhere will you find such a satisfactory assortment of all Shaving Accessories as here or prices more reasonable.



THE BARBER'S PET.

The absolute perfection of razor manufacture; every one fully warranted; blades of various shapes and widths, but all of one quality, \$2.00.

Other makes of Razors, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Safety Razors.

Three makes, The Gem, Star and Curley; holder and 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 6 or 7 blades, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.25 to \$7.25.

Complete Safety Razor Outfits, including holder, 2 blades, strop and stopping machine, \$6.00, and others more complete up to \$18.00.

Shaving Mugs, in china, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c, or with name in gold letters, 5c additional. Order now for Christmas.

Shaving Mirrors.

A fine assortment of Mirrors, single and triple, in ebony frames, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.25 to \$5.00.

Reversible Mirrors, one side fine French plate, the other a powerful magnifying mirror, in ebony or rosewood swinging frame, \$7.50 and \$8.00.

Shaving Stands, containing mirror, mug, brush and comb, variety of finishes, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$6.00 and \$8.00.

Pipes for Christmas Gifts.

We have a fine assortment of genuine French Brier, genuine Meerschaum, old Dutch and Turkish Pipes for smoking and others in quaint designs for den decorations.

French Brier Pipes.

Either straight or bulldog stem and amber mouthpieces, 25c, or with genuine amber mouthpieces, 50c. Extra selected French brier and genuine amber mouthpieces, in plush-lined cases, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$3.50.

Turkish Pipes, with 1, 2 or 3 stems, \$3.50, \$7.00, \$10.00.

Meerschaum Pipes.

Some plain and others handsomely carved, all in plush-lined cases, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50 to \$10.00; others gold-trimmed, in genuine snakeskin cases, \$7.00 to \$16.00.

Ornamental Pipes, for decoration, made of Weichsel wood and quality carved, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.25 to \$3.00.

Ornamental Pipe Racks.

Very suitable Christmas gifts for gentlemen are these novel Pipe Racks. They are made of weathered oak in a variety of quaint, appropriate designs. \$1.25 to \$5.50.



Hammer Shotguns.

Double Barrel.

Good Gun—Top snap, extension rib, rolled steel barrels, cylinder bore; a strong, hard shooter, 12 and 16 gauge. \$8.50

Special Gun—Re-enforced breech, extension rib, top snap, bar locks, low circular hammer, extra strong frame, choke bored to shoot nitro powder, 12 and 16 gauge. \$12.50

Fine Gun—Armor-blued steel barrels, top snap, extension rib, low circular hammers, guaranteed to shoot nitro powder and not get loose, one of the finest hammer guns on the market, 12 gauge. \$19.50

Single Barrel.

Boss' Special—Triple-blued steel barrels, half pistol grip, walnut stock, heavy nickel-plated frame, 12 and 16 gauge. \$4.50

Automatic Ejector—Triple-blued steel barrel, full pistol grip, case-hardened frame, choke bore for nitro powder, 12 and 16 gauge. \$6.00

Blued steel barrel, half pistol grip, case-hardened frame, choke bore, 12 and 16 gauge. \$6.75

Automatic Ejector—Extra heavy breech, designed to stand the largest charge of nitro and black powder, handmade, firmly fitted, walnut stock, checkered and engraved, 12, 16 and 20 gauge. \$7.50

Revolvers.

We have a fine assortment of Revolvers, including such well-known American makes as Colt, Smith & Wesson, Harrington & Richardson, Iver Johnson and others; many beautifully finished and engraved; very suitable for Christmas gifts—all prices from \$1.00 to \$35.00.

Automatic Pistols.



\$25.00

The Lueger—The finest automatic pistol made; fires 8 shots with one loading at rate of 116 per minute, 30 caliber, range 1500 yards, \$25.00.

Target Revolvers.

Fitted with special sights for target practice. Assortment includes Smith & Wesson's, Colt's and Remington's—prices \$12.00 to \$25.00.



Hammerless Shotguns.

Double Barrel.

Good Hammerless Guns—Genuine twist barrels, top snap, extension rib, handsome walnut stock, bored for nitro powder, guaranteed a strong, close shooter, 12 gauge. \$18.50

High-Grade Hammerless—Damascus steel barrel, walnut stock, full checkered grip and fore-end, automatic ejector; a fine trap and field gun; excellent shooter; bored for nitro powder. \$30.00

Fine Hammerless—Automatic ejector, checkered and engraved stock, best twist barrels, 12 and 16 gauge. \$37.50

Double Barrel.

Our Wilson Model—Fine Damascus barrels, imported walnut stock, checkered and engraved; no better shooting gun made, 12 gauge. \$60.00

Franotte Guns—These celebrated guns are known to all field and trap shooters in America; we carry a complete line of Krupp, Sierr and Damascus barrels, 12 and 16 gauge. \$80 to \$250

W. & C. Scott and Greener Guns—The world-wide reputation of these famous makes renders description unnecessary; we carry the largest stock in America of these fine guns. \$120 to \$400

Single-Shot Rifles.

\$1.80 to \$40.00



A good single-shot rifle, walnut stock, nickel-plated or blued-steel barrels, shoots No. 22; short or long cartridges, a hard shooter, \$4.75.

Air Rifles for the Boys.

65c to \$6.50



The Queen.

Hardwood stock, nickel-plated barrel, well made and a strong, hard shooter; shoots either BB shot or darts for house target practice, \$1.75.

Darts.

For use in Air Rifles, 35c dozen. BB shot, 10c pound.

Our Holiday Special.

Stock and barrel of maple in rosewood finish with an inserted brass barrel; shoots either BB shot or darts, 65c.

Rifles for Large Game.



A very fine assortment of rifles for large game, fitted with English walnut stocks, checkered and engraved pistol grips, and of all well-known American and foreign makes, at from \$20.00 to \$50.00.

ROOSEVELT TO PARTICIPATE
IN DEDICATORY EXERCISES.

President Accepts Invitation of Governor Francis for Ceremonies April 30.

The Republic Bureau, 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, Dec. 13.—Governor Francis arrived in Washington this morning, accompanied by Chairman Carter of the National Commission. They spent the day actively on World's Fair matters and departed at 4 o'clock for New York.

Governor Francis said to The Republic correspondent: "We have called on the President, Secretary Hay, Secretary Root and General Corbin, and have had a full conference with each of them."

"The President has definitely accepted the invitation to participate in our dedicatory exercises, April 30, and the War Department has generously promised to do its full part in making the occasion a success."

"We have also called upon the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador von Holleben, for the purpose of informing him that it is our intention to invite the entire Diplomatic Corps to participate in the celebration. We were informed by the German Embassy that the invitation would be generally if not universally accepted."

"We have had other World's Fair matters under consideration, but have not closed up anything else to an extent to justify making public announcement thereof. You may say generally for me that our work is making excellent progress, and the Exposition will be entirely ready for the reception of visitors on the opening day, May 1, 1904."

Will Elect Officers. A meeting of the veterans of the Commodore Poon Naval Association will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Loyal Legion rooms, Laclede building. The election of officers will take place. The members of the Naval Reserve will meet with the association.

Woodmen Circle Enchre. Olive Grove, No. 27, Woodmen Circle, will give a euchre at their hall, Broadway and Chipewa street, Wednesday, December 17, at 2 p. m. The euchre is given for the purpose of furnishing rooms for the order in the new Century Hospital.

NEW DEVICE FOR HANGING
CONDEMNED CRIMINALS.

Doctor Invents Steel Collar That Will Break a Man's Neck Everytime It Is Scaled.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Reading, Pa., Dec. 12.—Doctor R. B. Bland announced today that he had invented a new device for hanging condemned criminals, which he intends to urge upon the coming session of the Legislature. It consists of a piece of steel to fit behind the neck. This steel has the corners and edges rounded off and is covered with two or three thicknesses of cloth. The rope is passed through holes at each end.

When the rope is drawn taut, the steel presses tightly against the neck and under the corners of the chin. By this means, the neck will be broken, every time and a quick death will result. The ropes, according to the doctor's device, are to pass over two rollers at the top of the gallows, and be fastened to a sack of sand twice the man's weight. The hangman pushes the lever, and lets the sack of sand drop. The condemned man is swiftly jerked upward and his neck broken instantly.

SHAW WILL NOT INTERFERE.
Government Is Not Concerned in
Wall Street Stringency.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Secretary Shaw declines to say anything for publication as to the attitude of the Treasury Department in regard to the present money stringency in New York. There is reason to believe, however, that no action whatever is contemplated now or at any time in the near future, and certainly not as long as the interests involved are not extended to the substantial business operations of the country outside of its present limited area.

It is understood that the department takes the position that the Government is not involved in the present situation and that Wall Street must rely upon its own resources to tide over the present stringency. At this time the Treasury has no available cash on hand, above a moderate working balance approximating \$8,000,000, and it is not its present purpose to further reduce this sum by making additional deposits in national bank depositories or otherwise.

ROOSEVELT AND HAY HOPE
TO AVOID ENTANGLEMENTS.

Washington, Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay had a conference today concerning the Venezuelan situation.

They are of the opinion that, unless there should be unexpected developments in the situation, the United States will not become seriously involved in the pending controversy. Over-night dispatches received by the State Department were presented to the President, but were not made public at the executive offices.

Senator Cullom, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, had an interview with the President today, but it is understood they did not discuss particularly the Venezuelan situation.

Secretary Hay had a busy time today conferring with Senators and Representatives who are already beginning to show anxiety as to the Venezuelan situation. No one was able to suggest, however, how the attitude of the State Department could be improved upon at this moment.

BURGLARS CARRIED OFF
TAX COLLECTOR'S SAFE.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Paris, Dec. 12.—(Copyright, 1902.)—The burglar who carried off the safe of the tax collector, was carried off by the police.

The amount of plunder obtained by the burglars was not great, about \$40 worth of receipt statements and \$124 in money. There were also contents of the French rente to the value of about \$1,800, but as payment of these has been stopped they represent only so much waste paper to the thieves. The booty with which the robbery was carried out was the principal element of its success. The burglars were heard at work by the neighbors, but the latter never supposed that they were workmen carrying out some urgent repairs on the premises. As soon as they had got the safe—which weighed more than 300 pounds—removed from its pedestal, they coolly carried it out on the street, loaded it on the cart and drove off. None of the neighbors who saw them got off dreamed for a moment that it was being stolen.

For Benefit of the Church. The ladies of St. George's Church will continue to serve dinner Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from noon until 2 p. m. at No. 512 Olive street. A cordial invitation is extended to all wanting a good dinner for fifty cents.

LONDONERS REGARD HANSOM
CABS AS DANGEROUS THINGS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. London, Dec. 13.—(Copyright, 1902.)—So many accidents have happened to persons driving in hansoms that, according to the Express, hansom-driving is almost as prevalent as influenza. A victim described his chief symptoms as follows:

"He approaches the hansom slowly, fearing nothing, but the tremor of the vehicle as he puts his foot on the step sends a shudder through him. Before the horse has started he wonders whether the risk of being gullied by the fall of the window is worse than the certainty of going through the glass should the horse go down. By the time he has gone 10 yards the fear of a runaway overmasters all others."

"Worried by speculations of this kind, the hansomphobia victim has been known to arrive at his journey's end in a cold sweat, or, leaving his cab half way, has walked himself into a state of comparative courage again."

There are plenty of people who are com-
pelled to take cabs. Many of them walk a
long way to find a growler, rather than enter
the pains of hansomphobia.

Desirable Holiday Gifts. The introduction of the business announcement of the St. Louis House Furnishing Co., "A Dollar or Two Will Do when young people to housekeeping go," is not only apt, but will be particularly interesting to those contemplating matrimony or housekeeping. This plan is not the only thing of interest to be found at the large stores of the St. Louis House Furnishing Co., Nos. 502, 504 and 506 Franklin avenue. All of the floors of these three stores are jammed with house furnishings of all descriptions at inviting prices. Their advertisement contains an offer of furnishing completely four rooms for \$38.00. Aside from this many old pieces can be had at equally low prices. The fact is, the large assorted stock affords excellent opportunity for the purchasing of desirable and practical Christmas presents. In order to accommodate the shopper from now until Christmas this store will remain open every night in order to give those an opportunity to make selections who cannot spare the time during the day. Those intending making purchases in household articles will find it profitable to visit this store to compare prices and inspect offerings made.

Two Open Letters.

Private Car "Riva," En route to San Francisco, March 21, 1900.

To The Aeolian Company, New York, Gentlemen—As an admirer of the Aeolian, the wonderful merits of which I have attested to in a former letter to you, I have now much pleasure in adding my tribute to your latest invention, the Pianola, which I consider still more ingenious. It is astonishing to see this little device at work executing the masterpieces of pianoforte literature with a dexterity, clearness, and velocity which no player, however great, can approach.

Every one who wishes to hear absolutely faultless, free of any kind of nervousness, piano-playing should buy a Pianola. It is perfection. Wishing you well-deserved success, I am, Yours very truly, J. J. PADEREWSKI.

Chas. Riand-Bosson, Morke, November 7, 1900.

To the Aeolian Company, Gentlemen—I desire to order another Pianola for use in my residence. Will you kindly select an instrument in rosewood and have packed with it rolls of music, and shipped via steamer? J. J. PADEREWSKI.

PADEREWSKI AND THE

PIANOLA

Notwithstanding advertisements to the contrary, and claims set forth concerning

THE WORLD'S GREATEST MUSICIANS

who have examined and used many of the so-called "piano players," we positively assert that Paderewski endorses only the Pianola and has never endorsed any other instrument.

Among the many reasons he advances for endorsing the Pianola is the all important and artistic feature—that the Pianola is not a mechanical piano player, but an instrument in the operating of which one needs to exercise his brains just as actively as when playing in the old laborious fashion—by hand, but with this difference, that the difficult fingering is taken care of by the Pianola in a masterly manner.

That this statement is due the public, feeling as we do that the purchaser should be placed in a position to intelligently know the true value of the Pianola.

Can be Purchased Upon Moderate Monthly Payments If Desired.

ONLY AT BOLLMAN BROS. PIANO CO., 1100 OLIVE.

The second order for a Pianola for Paderewski's Switzerland residence six months after his first had been delivered at his home in Paris, is possibly the most significant tribute the Pianola has ever received.